

What is claimed is:

2 *pub 0.7* 1. A method of transacting sales over a computerized network, the method
comprising the steps of:

4 defining a first product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser;
correlating in a first database record the first product and the first purchaser;
6 further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of first database records the
first product and respective ones of a plurality of second purchasers;
8 issuing an offer to a vendor to purchase the first product at a first offer price in
a quantity responsive to the plurality of first database records; and
10 consummating a transaction between the vendor and the first and second
~~purchasers.~~

12 2. The method of claim 1, wherein prior to performing said step of issuing
an offer there is further provided the step of calculating a first commitment price.

14 *pub 0.7* 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first
commitment price is responsive to a rate of performing said step of further correlating.

16 4. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first
commitment price is responsive to historical sales performance of the first product.

18 *pub 0.7* 5. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of calculating a first
commitment price is responsive to a price trend of an article similar to the first article.

20 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said step of calculating a first
commitment price is responsive to a price trend of the first article.

22 *pub 0.7* 7. The method of claim 1, wherein there are further provided the steps of:
defining a second product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser; and
24 correlating in the second database record the second product and the first
purchaser.

26 8. The method of claim 7, wherein there is further provided the step of
further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of second database records the
28 second product and respective ones of a plurality of third purchasers.

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9. The method of claim 8, wherein there is further provided the step of
2 issuing a further offer to a vendor to purchase the second product at a second offer price
in a quantity responsive to the plurality of second database records.

4 10. The method of claim 9, wherein there is further provided the step of
formulating a first consolidated report for presentation to the first purchaser responsive
6 to the first and second offer prices.

8 11. The method of claim 8, wherein there is further provided the step of
formulating a first consolidated report for presentation to the first purchaser responsive
to the first and second database records.

10 12. A method of transacting sales over a computerized network, the method
comprising the steps of:

12 defining a first product desired to be purchased by a first purchaser;
enabling the first purchaser to search a product database for a pre-existing
14 database record associated with a product having a relationship to the first product
acceptable to the first purchaser;
16 correlating in a first database record the first product and the first purchaser;
further correlating in respective ones of a plurality of first database records the
18 first product and respective ones of a plurality of second purchasers; and
enabling a vendor of products having a predetermined similarity to the first
20 product to search the product database.

22 13. The method of claim 12, wherein there is further provided the step of
consummating a transaction between the vendor and at least some of the first and
second purchasers.

24 14. The method of claim 13, wherein, prior to performing said step of
consummating a transaction there is provided the further step of consummating a
26 transaction between at least one vendor for a quantity of the first product responsive to
a predetermined portion of the total number of first database records.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein, prior to performing said step of
2 consummating a transaction there is provided the further step of consummating a
transaction between at least one vendor for a quantity of the first product responsive to
4 the total number of first database records.

16. A method of including a prospective purchaser in a pool in a
6 computerized network transaction system, the method comprising the steps of:

defining pool parameters responsive to a purchase desired to be made by the
8 purchaser;

active searching an active pools database for an active pool having a pool
10 characteristic resembling the pool parameters;

active presenting a matching active pool discovered in response to said step of
12 active searching to the prospective purchaser; and

active installing the prospective purchaser in the matching active pool in
14 response to said step of active presenting.

17. A method of including a prospective purchaser in a pool in a
16 computerized network transaction system, the method comprising the steps of:

defining pool parameters responsive to a purchase desired to be made by the
18 purchaser;

inactive searching an inactive pools database for an inactive pool having a pool
20 characteristic resembling the pool parameters;

inactive presenting a first matching inactive pool discovered in response to said
22 step of inactive searching; and

forming a new pool having new pool parameters similar to the first matching
24 inactive pool.

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19. The method of claim 18, wherein there are further provided the steps of:

4 obtaining a commitment by the purchaser to purchase a product defined by the

new pool parameters at the new pool commitment price; and

6 installing the purchaser in the new pool.